EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. John F Gallagher III on 12/16/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, Line 7: replace "that initiates" with --configured to initiate--.

Claim 1, Line 12: insert --confocal-- after "ultrasonic" and before "signals".

Claim 2 has been Cancelled.

Claim 29, Line 7: replace "that initiates" with --configured to initiate--.

Claim 29, Line 12: insert --confocal-- after "ultrasonic" and before "signals".

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HELENE BOR whose telephone number is (571)272-2947. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 8:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long V. Le can be reached on (571)272-0823. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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